

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2008**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Aaron Dvorkin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was taken with Trustees Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello and Greco present.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney Sheri Freeman, Finance Director Robert Guess, Lieutenant Mark Fischer, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahon and Acting Village Clerk Leti Anselme.

**CITIZENS/ SPECIAL REQUESTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Citizen's Request – Debra Poi – 27308 W. Deer Hollow Lane – Water Bill Concern**

Debra Poi came to the Board with a water bill concern. She also brought another local resident Jerry Lizalek of 25006 W. Sioux Drive. Mr. Lizalek has been in the Village for about 12 years and Ms. Poi has been here just over a year.

Mr. Lizalek stated that their concern is that currently the Village charges for the minimum of 4000 gallons a month, whether it is used or not. He personally uses over 4000 a month and Ms. Poi only averages about 1200 a month. His feeling is he is going to be charged, so he will use it by watering the grass, washing his motorcycle. He would like for the Board to commission a study to see if the 4000 minimum charge is still adequate. It may be outdated and it may excessive amount.

They are just requesting that the Board take it into consideration.

Bowden stated that the 4000 minimum was set back in the early 90's, since enough revenue was not being acquired to cover the expenses. Bowden stated that the sewer and water rate be looked at. A rate study needs to be done to see where the Village is at. There is a base cost of providing the service.

**B. Public Hearing – Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

Trustee Militello made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. for Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello and Greco**

**NAYS: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Guess stated that last year's general operating budget projected was \$5 million. The amended budget was revenues \$5,257,423, expenses \$4,932,909 and surplus \$324,514. The capital fund was proposed for revenues \$12,303,156, expenses \$12, 600,755 and deficit \$300,000, which was

cut down to \$15,000. He went over other budgets and the total for the year's deficit was \$1,612,956 and brought that down to \$697, 172.

Trustee Greco made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. for Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello, Greco and Davidson**  
**NAYS: NONE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Public Hearing – Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

Trustee Slocum made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. for Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: McMillin, Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson and Nash**  
**NAYS: NONE** **MOTION CARRIED**

Guess stated that there is a surplus of \$110,534. The highlights are 1 new sergeant, 3 new patrol officers, creation of school liaison officer, an odor network/CSO from part-time to full-time and 4 jailers as part-timers.

The capital had a deficit of \$531,221. The highlights are a new dump truck and backhoe, detention pond repair, new police and development vehicles and enhanced road program funding.

The special revenue will finish the Brisbin;/Bungalow Road project, McKinley Woods/Bell signalization and Blackberry Lane reconstruction to name a few.

Trustee Greco made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:36 p.m. for Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson, Nash and McMillin**  
**NAYS: NONE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Nash made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum and Greco**  
**NAYS: Militello** **MOTION CARRIED**

Items approved at this time are as follows:

- A. Minutes Committee Meeting March 18, 2008
- B. Minutes Board Meeting March 18, 2008
- C. Minutes Executive Session March 18, 2008
- D. Landscape Ordinance
- E. Ordinance Amending and Repealing Landscape Language
- F. Driveway Ordinance
- G. Driveway Zoning Ordinance
- H. Bills List April 7, 2008

## **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

### **A. VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

President Cook informed the Board of some long time residents of Channahon that passed away. Kate Briano who was a life long resident of Channahon, she did a lot for the community in her early years. Bobby Wilson who was also a long time resident, they will both be missed.

President Cook informed the Board that he may not be at the next board meeting, since he will be in the Philippines with the Trade Delegation with other county mayors. Trustee Greco will chair the meeting in his absent.

Trustee Davidson thanked President Cook for the comments that were made to the paper in regards to the name for the new high school. It is disappointing that the school board did.

President Cook said that a school board member made a comment that the Channahon residents did not support the referendum, so that is why they did not support the name.

Trustee Nash stated that it disfranchises the Village of Channahon. She is going to write a letter to the editor. The school board stated at one time that they wanted to build unity with both Villages.

The Board spoke of how they were disappointed by the school board's decision. They had concerns with how they are going to district the children. Trustee Nash recalls that a commission was going to be put together for the naming of the school and she never heard anything of it.

President Cook appreciates the comments from the Board. He has been approached by many residents with their disappointment of the name.

### **B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

#### **Gammon Group Billboard Campaign**

McMahon staff requests the Village Board of Trustees authorize staff to expend up to \$5,140 and authorize the Village President to enter into a four month lease agreement with The Lamar Companies.

Trustee Greco made a motion to approve staff to expend up to \$5,140 and authorize the Village President to enter into a four month lease agreement with The Lamar Companies. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: McMillin, Militello and Greco**

**NAYS: Davidson, Nash**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Slocum voted present. President Cook voted AYE**

#### **Demolition of Building on Canal Property**

McMahon stated that this is just a recommendation of the bid, but we are still working on the obtaining the property. No action is required at this meeting; it will come again before the Board.

**Approval to Purchase a Ford F-150 Truck**

McMahon stated that Staff recommends the Village Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of a Ford F-150 from Bob Ridings Ford, Inc. for \$17,340.

Trustee Slocum made a motion to approve the purchase of a Ford F-150 from Bob Ridings Ford, Inc. for \$17,340. Seconded by Trustee McMillin.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Militello, Greco, Davidson, Nash, McMillin and Slocum**  
**NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED**

**C. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**An Ordinance Adopting the Village of Channahon Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

Guess asked that the second read be waive.

Trustee Greco made a motion to waive second read and Adopt the Village of Channahon Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum and Militello**  
**NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED**

**An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

Guess asked that the second read be waived also.

Trustee Militello made a motion to waive second read and Amend the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson, Nash and McMillin**  
**NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED**

Guess also mentioned that he received the assessment. The rate will be 52.39 for Will County and we still have not received Grundy County's yet.

**D. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Lieutenant Fischer updated the Board that the portable scales have been received and they are certified and the officers will start using them.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Approval for a Contract with Synagro for Sludge Hauling**

Dolezal stated that staff requests a motion to approve the contract with Synagro for sludge processing at \$0.065 per gallon.

Trustee McMillin made a motion to approve contract with Synagro for sludge processing at \$0.065 per gallon. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum and Militello**  
**NAYS: NONE MOTION CARRIED**

**Hire Building Maintenance Worker**

Dolezal stated that staff requests a motion to hire Mr. Jeffrey Barrett as a Building Maintenance Worker at the May 1, 2007 starting rate of pay dictated by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Trustee McMillin made a motion to hire Mr. Jeffrey Barrett as a Building Maintenance Worker at the May 1, 2007 starting rate of pay dictated by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello and Greco**  
**NAYS: NONE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**Mutual Aid Agreement and Resolution for Emergency Mutual Aid in Public Works**

Dolezal stated that this is still under review.

Dolezal then updated the Board on Don Kinzler, the Engineering Project Manager, is now Certified Flood Plan Manager. Sherry Noel is also going to be giving a segment of a speech for the fly ash.

**F. VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

**G. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Tax Abatement for Northfield Block and Ordinance**

Bowden asked that second read be waived.

Trustee Greco made a motion to waive second read and approve the three year tax abatement to Northfield Block. Seconded by Trustee Davidson.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson, Nash and McMillin**  
**NAYS: NONE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority**

Bowden asked that second read be waived.

Trustee Militello made a motion to waive second read and approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Ceding of Private Activity Bonding Authority. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

**ROLL CALL AYES: McMillin, Slocum, Militello, Greco, Davidson and Nash**  
**NAYS: NONE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval of Contract with Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon for Audit Services**

Bowden asked that the Board approve the Letter of Agreement from Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon for Audit Services.

Trustee Greco made a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement from Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon for Audit Services. Seconded by Trustee Militello.

**ROLL CALL AYES: Slocum, Militello, Greco and McMillin**  
**NAYS: Davidson and Nash** **MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Sam Greco** – Community and Legislative Affairs and Public Health & Emergency Support – He informed the Board that the CEC is finishing up the details for the Memorial Day service and the big Village wide garage sale in May.

**Trustee Scott McMillin** – Public Works – No report.

**Trustee Debbie Militello** – Human Resources – No report.

**Trustee Judie Nash** – Code Enforcement – No report.

**Trustee Gary Davidson** – Finance – No report.

**Trustee Scott Slocum** – Public Safety – He wanted to remind the Board that May is National Youth Traffic Safety month. It is our big kick off of “Keep Kids Alive Drive 25” campaign on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Village is providing these signs at no cost to the residents.

He thanked Village staff for pushing this program and is looking forward to all the residents participating. He stated that it will make our streets safer.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bowden wanted to remind everyone that the second meeting in May, which was the 19<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Slocum made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of The Village Of Channahon. Seconded by Trustee McMillin.

**VERBAL VOTE: ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Trustee Militello made a motion to close Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of The Village Of Channahon. Seconded by Trustee McMillin.

**VERBAL VOTE: ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Davidson made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

**VERBAL VOTE: ALL AYES**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Submitted by  
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Acting Village Clerk